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## Arrivals.

May 25, CAPILLA, Swedish barque, 307, M. N. Anderson, Swatow, 24th May, Balsas—ORDER.

May 26, YASSO, British steamer, 559, S. Ashton, Foochow 22nd May, Amoy 24th, and Swatow 26th; General—D. LARFAY & Co.

May 26, ESMERALDA, British str., 395, E. Theaud, Amoy 24th May, General—A. MAGG, HEATON.

May 26, WESTERN CHIEF, British ship, 750, W. C. HEWET, London 16th May, General—MEYER & Co.

May 26, TAIWAN, British steamer, 408, M. Young, Tamsui 23rd May, and Amoy 25th; General—D. LARFAY & Co.

May 26, AMOY, British steamer, 814, G. H. Drewes, Shanghai 20th May, General—SIEGMESSEN & Co.

May 27, CHINA, German steamer, 648, J. C. AKERMANN, Canton 26th May, General—SIEGMESSEN & Co.

May 27, KORMA, British steamer, 606, A. G. Walker, Swatow 26th May, General—KUOK ACEHONG.

## Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, MAY 26TH.

William H. DEITY, American bark, for San Francisco.

Namos, British steamer, for East Coast, Montgomeryshire, British str., for Saigon.

Ville de Madrid, Spanish brig, for Manila.

Flintshire, British steamer, for Saigon.

Alphington, British bark, for Tonkin.

## Departures.

May 26, ESMERALDA, German bark, for Manila.

May 26, MORNING STAR, Stavas bark, for Bangkok.

May 26, BONITA, German schooner, for Haiphong.

May 26, ONWARD, British schooner, for Newchawng.

May 26, TEJO, Portuguese gunboat, for Macao.

May 26, AMERICA, German ship, for Cuba.

May 26, MEXICO, French steamer, for Saigon and Marseilles.

May 26, MAURE, British gunboat, for Macao.

May 26, FEI-YUN, Chinese str., for Shangchow.

May 26, NAMO, British str., for East Coast.

May 27, W. H. DEITY, American bark, for San Francisco.

May 27, MONTGOMERYSHIRE, British str., for Saigon.

May 27, AMOY, British str., for Canton.

## Passengers.

ARRIVED.

Per YASSO, str., from East Coast:—Mr. H. Kinner, 1 European, and 46 Chinese.

Per ANGLO, str., from Shanghai:—Mr. and Mrs. Kastberg, Miss O'Hares and son, Mr. Pendor, and 33 Chinese.

Per ESMERALDA, str., from Amoy:—Mr. Ching, 1 European.

Per ZEUS, str., from Tamsui, &c.:—Mr. Pys, and 3 Chinese, deck.

Per MORAZ, str., from Swatow:—Captains Meyer and Ombiliano, 2 Europeans, and 190 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per NAMO, str., for East Coast:—4 Europeans, and 100 Chinese.

Per ANGLO, str., for San Francisco:—219 Chinese.

Per MELKONI, str., for Saigon & Marseilles:—Madame Yau, Mr. Bencor, Miss Monot, Courchi, and So Eithi, for Singapore.—Mr. T. T. Riesmann, for Calcutta.—Mr. Sheppard, for Manila.—Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Smith, Phnom, Wanchai, and 4 children, for Manila.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, Kuala Lumpur, August 10th, H. Oshun, Kuala, Byrna, Valon, and Mono, Piquet.

Per MONTGOMERYSHIRE, str., for Saigon:—30 Chinese.

## Reports.

The Swedish bark *Capilla* reports left Swatow on 24th May, and had strong E.N.E. winds throughout the passage.

The British steamship *Esmeralda* reports left Amoy on 24th May, and had moderate N.E. winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamship *Norma* reports left Swatow on 26th May, and had N.E. winds and fine weather.

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For many years past the Hongkong  
General Chamber of Commerce has retained the  
confidence of the public, and it has by its  
influence, ever exerted, on the side of "the  
greatest good, to the greatest number,"

come to be regarded as a reliable authority  
on all subjects wherein the welfare of the  
people at large has been concerned. Ten  
years since a vote was passed by which it was  
resolved that reports of all matters of public  
interest that transpired at general meetings  
should be published in the local papers, and  
for the last eight years, during the whole of  
which the Hon. P. Bryce has occupied the  
chair, the Press has been uniformly represented.  
Great pains have always been taken that the  
accounts of meetings, and other various im-  
portant commercial and political subjects  
discussed should be as full and accurate as  
possible, and as a result, an increasing interest

has been felt in the proceedings of the Cham-  
ber. It is not the public alone who have de-  
rived advantage from this publicity. The  
several Committees have been kept well up to  
their work; and there has been a most ef-  
fectual check to the inauguration of any policy  
inconsistent with the fundamental principle  
above referred to. It is unfortunate that  
this should have been reversed at the first  
meeting held under the new presidency.  
No little surprise was expressed upon the  
announcement made on the breaking up of  
the last sitting of the Chamber that a vote  
had been carried in favour of the Chinese  
petition for making dacoit coins legal ten-  
der in Hongkong.

From information gathered in general  
conversation we understood that one of the  
members had remonstrated against the con-  
vening of a private meeting upon a subject  
of a peculiarly popular and public character  
and that in reply the Chairman had stated  
that the letter from the Government, to con-  
sider which the Chamber had been convened  
had been marked "private." We believe  
however, that this was an entire (although  
doubtless unintentional) misstatement. The  
letter simply asked the opinion of the  
Chairman upon the currency question in gen-  
eral, and upon the enclosed petition from  
China, which had been previously adver-  
tised. The action of the Government address-  
ing the Chamber, however, was to the effect  
that the Rumanian troops will join the Rus-  
sians there. The weather has no doubt  
retarded operations to some extent, for it is  
stated that a flood has carried away several  
bridges and parts of railways in Rumania,  
but the Russians will be sure to push  
on matters during the summer months.  
At present they have achieved little to  
boast of, and as the Turks are fighting  
with desperation they will find the war a  
long and costly one.

H.M.S. *Juno* came round from Aberdeen on  
Saturday evening, and the steamer *Beaufort* on  
Sunday morning.

The maximum temperature at the Peak during  
the past week, as recorded in Saturday's  
*Gazette*, was 72°, the minimum 65.7°, and  
the maximum at the Harbour Master's Office,  
Praya Weil, was 71.0. The minimum was  
61.0 and the maximum 71.2°. 233 inches of  
rain fell during the week.

We notice that the Hongkong Chinese So-  
ciety have taken premises in Duddell-street, in  
which they have stored their wagons, rocker  
apparatus, life-belts, and other property of the  
society. Now that every thing is ready and in  
working order it is to be hoped that the society  
will be reformed by new members and that  
practice will be at once commenced, so that they  
may be ready to meet any emergency.

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**MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.**  
The Emperor of Russia has by a secret decree  
commissioned officers of the Russian army, in  
which, as in all continental armies—that of  
Germany not excepted—the want of good and  
commissioned officers is very great.

The death is announced of an old Persian  
at Waterloo on the 18th instant. General Sir  
John Bowes, General Officer and Adjutant of the  
old 6th Regiment (now Rifle Brigade), and late  
Principal Barrackmaster at Aldershot Camp. Mr.  
Smith, who was brother of the late General  
Sir Harry Smith, died in his eighty-fifth year.

The *Colone Gazette* says Mlik Mirza has  
been appointed commander-in-chief of the  
Persian corps of observation. The head-quarters  
are at Chob. On the Persian general staff  
are six European officers, all appointed.

Recent skirmishes ended in a victory for the  
Caspian Seawards and auxiliaries for the Persian  
army.

Major-General O. P. Beauchamp-Walker,  
G.B., Ex-His Majesty's military attaché at Berlin,  
has tendered his resignation in that capacity,  
and it is not known if his place will be filled  
by General Walker's retirement from his present  
post in which he is much popular in Court and  
military circles at Berlin as he is highly popular in  
both.

The Commander-in-Chief has issued the ex-  
pected order for the reorganisation of the Royal  
Artillery. It sets forth that on July 1st next  
the artillery service will be divided into three  
brigades of horse artillery, six of field artillery,  
five of garrison artillery, and one of coast  
artillery, and that posts to give the stations  
of those brigades, with details as to the com-  
mands and internal regulations.

Lieut.-Colonel Charles Henry Spencer Churchill,  
late of the 60th Rifles, died at Monaco on the  
3rd. He was the eldest son of the late  
Lord Charles Spencer Churchill, and served  
with the Rifle Brigade in the Army of  
Napoleon in the campaign up to the  
22nd of July 1815, including the battles of the  
Alma and Inkermann, and with the 60th Rifles  
in the campaign in Rohilkund in 1858, during  
the Indian Mutiny.

A centenarian soldier named Clossman is still  
alive in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg in  
good health. He was born on the 30th of May  
1777, and served in the French Army from 1804  
to 1815, and in the Prussian Army from 1815  
to 1848. He was captured at the battle of  
Waterloo, but afterwards fought in the battles  
of Austerlitz, 1805; Jena, 1806; Leipzig, 1813;  
and Katzbach in 1813. The Cossacks took him  
prisoner at Leipzig, but he was released after  
eleven days, and afterwards contrived to escape.

Sergeant-Major J. C. Annesbury, of the 6th  
Bengal Light Infantry, is (says the *Times* of  
India) the invincible, long-armed, and  
apparently some few years younger companion with  
whom the Sergeant Major of the Bengal  
Battalion's instrument. It is scarcely  
possible, in portability, as instead of requiring  
a cart for transport, it can be carried in the  
coat pocket. It gives the distance of any  
object within a range of three thousand yards.

Dr. A. meaburn is said to intend presenting his  
invention in England.

Lieutenant-General General Edward  
Bouverie, of His Majesty's Indian Army,  
died at a ripe age of the exact age of seventy-four.  
He entered the Bengal army in 1816, and  
served in the Indian mutiny campaign of

1857-58. He commanded as brigadier the  
Sarun and Gersukpore field force, with the  
naval brigade of His Majesty's ship *Earl* in  
the various actions in which the force was  
engaged. He was made C.B. in 1858, and  
Lieut.-Colonel in 1862, and received the Indian  
Mutiny medal. He was promoted to the rank of major  
general in January 1862, and became Lieutenant  
General in June, 1870.

There is a great deal of comment about an  
assumed disposition on the part of those who  
despise military patronage to "keep the field,"  
marshaled entirely among the Royal Family.  
There are no such things as "the Duke of  
Cambridge and the Duke of the Army."  
The Appoint. It is understood that no more  
creations will be made until the Duke of  
Grenouille has worked through his grades. The  
result is a great deal of sarcasm among not a  
few distinguished generals, who have long been  
expecting the latter, but find themselves shut  
out because they are not Royal. An attempt is  
being made to induce the Duke of Cambridge  
and the Duke of the Army to reconsider their intentions  
on this head.

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## Extracts.

## SLEEPLESS PIATTI.

Signer Piatti holds the violin in horror, and his voice is almost of a falsetto.

BY LINN TO GORE.

In the large temple—the blue depth of space, And in the altar of thy quiet fields—

“I am a man to whom the world is dead—

Great spirits are not here; she refuted me—

This offering, which a grateful heart now yields,

For all those high and anxious thoughts that rose

Over all thy works—for all the care and strife—

Of eye and ear—transcendent form and strain—

Of deepest breadth—for each passing spirit—

And many a soul that stirs not in the deep—

For many days and silent shining nights—

For youth, and health, and health—thou’lt deal with

smarts—

(A thousand dreams are sifted with batheless)—

For hours—sweet hours—memories of alloy—

For peaceful thoughts, kind fires, loving hearts—

That sink out all the poison from distress—

For all these gifts I offer gratitude and joy!

CHARLES COOPER CLARK.

## FROM POLITICS TO ORANGES.

Florida turns from politics to oranges. Five years ago small orange groves were scattered here and there, with one house to supply fruit for home consumption. Florida became a fashionable winter resort, and the owners of the trees found them to the most profitable. This led to a systematic cultivation, and they are now shipping the imports from Europe and the West Indies. The Florida orange is perhaps the finest grown. As it takes from five to ten years for the orange tree to get into full bearing, the groves are for the most part in an incipient stage; but no extensive has been the planting that oranges have become a staple of the State.

## LE'S SWORD.

The Bangkok (Me). Why says: “When Lee surrendered his army to Grant, the latter declined to take his sword, and added to the magnanimity by voluntarily inserting in the terms of capitulation an exception of the name of (all) the owners, and their horses and private baggage.” As a matter of fact, we have had authoritative information, General Lee came to the spot designated for the meeting of the two claimants, wearing a splendid testimonial sword that had been presented to him, and doubtless intending that the weapon should become the historic emblem of the Test Case of the national Capitol. General Grant prevented this by graciously waving the surrender of the sword of his vanquished foe, and, hastily penning the terms he demanded, passed the memorandum to Lee, who became visibly affected with emotion on perceiving the generosity with which all the officers of his command were to be treated by their conqueror.”

## IT IS A BAD WORLD, MY MASTERS.

“It is a bad world, my masters,” and we are called to make it so long as we wear our hats to pull down over the brow that the truth in our lives cannot be read. What actors are we! The semi-bankrupt, full of smiles, treating his creditor to a glass of sherry, with his last shilling, and walking home because he cannot pay his bus-fare. The prosperous man, coining money, with a face full of woes—

“Business? there is no business now, Sir, country’s going to the dogs.” He comes a-boun in a bansom, gives the cabinman his exact fare and drinks the best sherry that can be had for money. Hypocrite all, from the Sky-pilot in pulpit pointing the way he never goes, to the petty tradesman in the pawn who pretends to repeat the way he goes for six days, and is really only sorry he cannot go the same way on the seventh; from the fine lady who lies on a sofa and pretends to be ill that she may have much sympathy and be treated with like an Eastern princess, to the mock-blind singer in the street with a borrowed baby, pinched into crying, that the hearts of the audience may be softened. “All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely actors.” What part do you play?—*Charing Cross Magazine.*

## THE BOY NEXT DOOR.

Our case is the boy next door. Not content with predicting an early and violent death for him, we have grown to contemplate the event with positive and undisguised satisfaction—y—, with demoniac joy, and to tremble when we observe his mother talking to him, less that perfectly natural act; and when, on one occasion, looking up from our writing, we detected the old fag in the yard shaking his finger at him, we felt irresistibly drawn to rise from our chair and remonstrate. Mistaken kindness. We only precipitated the calamity we sought to avert. The boy was bent on going a fishing, instead of obeying his mother by remaining at home and weeding the garden; but our interference on his behalf touched his heart (it seemed the young dog had a heart), and he went to work on the weeds, and thus was lost a grand possibility, which may never occur again, of his being drowned. We thought his time had come the other morning. He was cut at the wood-pile, whistling, and swinging the axe, when club-fishion, prepared to attack some old knots which he had heretofore rejected. We stood at the window, gleefully rubbing our hands as the glittering old demerited circles flew, and grazed his body or legs. If he would only stop whistling. The gravity of the situation did not admit of a lightness of heart in his part, and in evil moments we were prompted to call out and admonish him to fit his thoughts on heavenly things. The whistling stopped, and to our dismay, did the axe, and our disinterestedness was rewarded with a shower of chips.

Disheathed, we turned from the window and busied ourselves in the composition of potherbs, artifices for our next week’s paper, and had become oblivious to everything, when a yell from the direction of the wood-pile started us to our feet. Had the young fiend finally put an end to himself? Our heart throbbed with consternation as we weighed the chances. The yell was loud and long continued, and was followed by a breathless silence. The sight of blood is distasteful to us under any circumstances, and we hesitated to look from the window, friendless yet in an epoch of suspense. I know the worst, we stood, when a shriek broke at the air, and an ex-“My boy! my boy! my poor boy!” a little later.

“He is not dead; he is dead!” Invariably ejaculating amazement, we sent our devil to tender consolations and when the departed lad’s mother a bit, by having him read to her the obituary, we led no long charge on opportunity to insult, and as a special comfort to her we sent word the notice would be gratis. Was ever such base ingratitude! the woman “Screamed the only human misery.”

And set him back to us with brusque “and the gratifying intelligence that her boy was not dead, but sleeping. It appeared that in splitting the word the axe, instead of doing its duty and taking off his head, had merely taken a portion of his shoe, and the young fiend was quite to went the chance for a practical joke on his mother by stabbing at accident and death. In view of our

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